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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity at Eisenstadt and near Goetzendorf

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1. Between 1300 and 1445 on 21 October, a troop train carrying SU-76                      6 x 85-mm AT guns, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 mortar-like weapons, 16 trucks and 2 jeeps was unloaded at the Eisenstadt railroad station. The unloaded materiel was divided into two groups and was driven to the Jaeger Kaserne. The first group included trucks                      towing an 85-mm AT gun, trucks                      towing a 57-mm AT gun, trucks                      carrying canvas-covered covered mortar-like weapon showing four barrels or rails on a two-wheel gun carriage, truck                      loaded with 2 x 85-mm mortars,                      and jeep                     . All drivers and escort personnel observed wore black-bordered red epaulets. The other group included two SU-76 jeep                      and trucks                     . All drivers and escort personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. On the same day, driver school trucks                      and truck                      were observed in the town. The vehicles did not belong to the above-mentioned troops. 1

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2. Between 0845 and 1015 on 21 October, 2                      trucks, each towing a 122-mm field howitzer without muzzle brake, and 2                      trucks, each towing a model 1942 76-mm field gun, entered the Fasangarten Kaserne near Goetzendorf. Other vehicles towing howitzers were parked in the billeting area in a haphazard manner. At 1600, 12 x 122-mm field howitzers and 4 x 76-mm field guns were seen standing at the installation in an orderly manner. In the morning, 16 boxcars with billeting equipment, wooden boards and round timber were unloaded at the Mannersdorf railroad station. The material was transported to the Fasangarten Kaserne by                      trucks which were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets;

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Other vehicles included sedan [ ] jeep [ ] ambulance  
[ ] and van-like truck [ ] 3

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1. [ ] Comment. The report indicates that the 284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt returned to its home station. According to the observations, the AT gun battery of the regiment was equipped with 6 x 85-mm AT guns, while the AT gun battery of a battalion had 2 x 57-mm AT guns.

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2. [ ] Comment. The Fasangarten Kaserne was previously occupied by the tank training battalion and mortar regiment of the 13th Gds Mecz Div. The unit with 12 field howitzers observed at the installation possibly came from the Doellersheim troop training grounds and probably belongs to the 32d Gds How Arty Regt at Kaisersteinbruch. The 12 field howitzers may also indicate that a battalion of the mortar regiment may have been reequipped with howitzers. There is no explanation, however for the four field guns observed.

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